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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have been using local, competitive internet providers for many years, and want to continue to be able to use them. Local internet providers provide local, community-based internet service, understand local consumer's needs, and provide a competitive check on large telecoms.

In fact, I wish there were MORE local competitive internet providers to compete against one another!

Consumers need an option besides AT&T and Comcast for internet access in their homes and business. Providing wholesale access to Unbundled Network Elements (Copper POTS lines) is critical to allowing local ISPs to provide service in small markets, and is critical to allowing them time and capital to build up their own fiber optic or other infrastructure networks in local areas.

I look forward to my local ISP building out a fiber network in my neighborhood, but until then, I rely on their ability to have wholesale access to Unbundled Network Elements (Copper POTS lines) at a regulated and reasonable cost.

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